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This responds to the August 17, 2006 Office Action in the above-identified U.S. patent application.

Amendments to the claims of the subject application are set out in **Section I (Amendments to the Claims)** beginning at page 3 hereof. Remarks concerning the amendments made in the claims and the substance of the Office Action are set out in **Section III (Remarks)** beginning at page 9 hereof.

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Section I. (Amendments to the Claims)

Please amend claims 1, 19 and 26, and add new claims 37 and 38, as set forth in the following complete listing of claims 1-38 of the application.

1. (Currently amended) A fluid storage and dispensing apparatus comprising a fluid storage and dispensing vessel including a neck portion and a valve head assembly attached to said vessel at said neck portion, and a shrink-wrapped colorimetric film effective in the presence of leaking gas from said vessel to undergo a color change indicative of said leaking gas, said shrink-wrapped colorimetric film being sealed to an exterior surface of the vessel and overlying the neck portion of the vessel and the valve head assembly to define an interior void volume enclosed by the shrink-wrapped film, wherein said enclosed interior void volume surrounds the neck portion and valve head assembly having at least a portion thereof shrink wrapped in a film in a compressive state against adjacent exterior surface of the vessel, whereby gas leakage at said neck portion or at said valve head assembly can enter the enclosed interior void volume and distribute throughout said enclosed interior void volume to effect a color wherein said shrink-wrapped film encloses or constitutes a colorimetric member effective in exposure to fluid leaking from the vessel to change color in the shrink-wrapped film surrounding the neck portion and valve head assembly, thereby providing a visually perceptible response to a leakage event.

2. (Previously presented) The fluid storage and dispensing apparatus of claim 1, wherein said film comprises a poly(vinylpyridine) film.

3. (Previously presented) The fluid storage and dispensing apparatus of claim 2, wherein said fluid storage and dispensing apparatus contains tris(trifluoromethyl)stibine.

4. (Previously presented) The fluid storage and dispensing apparatus of claim 1, wherein said film comprises a polyvinylalcohol film having copper sulfate incorporated therein.

5. (Previously presented) The fluid storage and dispensing apparatus of claim 1, wherein the fluid storage and dispensing vessel comprises a valve head and said valve head is shrink-wrapped in said film.